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1. GENERAL

This bulletin issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. S.R. Carver) covers the third year's operations of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947) - for the year ended June, 1948. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

In addition to the information contained herein, further tables for the year have been included in the June, 1948 Bulletin issued on 15th September, 1948.

The Act provides for the payment of benefits to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides another class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives assistance to persons on account of some special circumstances, and to those persons who cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Invalid section of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 2 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are not included.

2. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFITS, AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for each class benefit whose claims were notified during the year ended June, 1948, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below.

TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFITS AND CLAIMS REJECTED, 1947-48 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejects to Total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W.(a)	6,685	3,169	30,018	4,013	1,655	253	38,358	7,435	19.38
Vic.	2,071	1,042	20,066	2,961	2,588	245	24,725	4,248	17.18
Q'ld.	35,921	14,694	12,249	2,015	773	251	48,943	16,960	34.65
S.A.(b)	405	171	8,815	1,746	224	72	9,444	1,989	21.06
W.A.	3,788	1,317	7,364	1,142	867	62	12,019	2,521	20.98
Tas.	255	70	3,248	397	138	36	3,641	503	13.81
TOTAL	49,125	20,463	81,760	12,274	6,245	919	137,130	33,656	24.54

Rejected applications for unemployment benefit represented over 41 per cent of total claims for unemployment benefit. Of the total claims for sickness benefit approximately 15 per cent. were rejected.

3. BENEFIT PAYMENTS.

(i) All Benefits - State Totals: The following table shows the benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during each of the years ended June, 1947 and 1948:-

BENEFIT PAYMENTS : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	1946-	1947-	1946-	1947-	1946-	1947-	1946-	1947-
	47	48	47	48	47	48	47	48
New South Wales(a)	172,141	60,499	258,782	302,987	6,772	14,434	437,695	377,920
Victoria	159,060	16,639	182,184	209,128	6,839	20,018	348,083	245,785
Queensland	441,048	248,357	106,631	103,521	7,826	9,604	555,505	361,482
South Australia(b)	20,064	4,038	74,471	79,110	1,769	3,702	96,304	86,850
Western Australia	110,700	37,192	56,050	58,255	2,918	6,149	169,668	101,596
Tasmania	7,809	2,904	33,246	38,326	1,815	2,611	42,870	43,841
TOTAL	910,822	369,629	711,364	791,327	27,939	56,518	1,650,125	1,217,474

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) All Benefits - Average Payments, States: Average weekly payments per beneficiary and the average amount of benefit paid per benefit discontinued are shown for each of the years ended June, 1947 and 1948 in the following tables:-

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAYMENT PER BENEFICIARY (a) : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	1946- 47	1947- 48	1946- 47	1947- 48	1946- 47	1947- 48	1946- 47	1947- 48
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
New South Wales (b)	1.89	1.70	1.62	1.56	1.28	1.14	1.71	1.56
Victoria	1.94	1.98	1.58	1.61	1.35	1.32	1.72	1.60
Queensland	1.82	1.79	1.77	1.38	1.68	1.45	1.81	1.64
South Australia (c)	1.89	1.48	1.69	1.56	1.50	1.34	1.72	1.54
Western Australia	1.93	1.70	1.52	1.47	1.29	1.32	1.76	1.53
Tasmania	1.88	1.70	1.67	1.62	0.97	1.03	1.65	1.57
<u>TOTAL</u>	1.87	1.77	1.63	1.54	1.37	1.27	1.75	1.59

(a) Average weekly payments divided by average number on benefit at end of each week. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

AVERAGE PAYMENT PER BENEFIT DISCONTINUED (a) : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	1946- 47	1947- 48	1946- 47	1947- 48	1946- 47	1947- 48	1946- 47	1947- 48
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales (b)	13.00	18.02	13.41	11.98	10.50	8.07	13.18	12.60
Victoria	10.03	17.13	12.69	12.38	10.79	7.67	11.21	12.10
Queensland	11.92	13.68	13.10	9.89	15.41	14.62	12.16	12.37
South Australia (c)	14.36	19.60	12.18	11.59	11.91	18.49	12.57	12.01
Western Australia	8.94	17.15	10.28	9.53	12.89	6.68	9.31	11.40
Tasmania	18.37	15.83	13.26	13.07	19.04	19.44	13.91	13.25
<u>TOTAL</u>	11.33	14.85	12.70	11.53	12.23	8.72	11.87	12.31

(a) Average weekly payment multiplied by average duration of benefits discontinued (see table 6 (ii)), (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Unemployment Benefit - State Monthly Totals: The amounts paid in unemployment benefit in each State during each month of the year ended June, 1948, were as follows:-

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PAYMENTS DURING EACH MONTH OF 1947-48 : STATES.

Month	New South Wales(a)	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia(b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
July	9,494	3,499	23,997	704	6,666	442	44,802
August	11,067	2,928	19,324	639	5,594	364	39,916
September	8,861	1,850	13,844	644	4,098	390	29,687
October	7,132	1,962	13,481	443	3,889	383	27,290
November	3,981	1,483	9,572	367	2,889	213	18,505
December	3,516	877	9,469	288	2,145	179	16,474
January	3,994	1,004	18,263	267	3,613	200	27,341
February	3,973	732	21,760	210	2,177	162	29,014
March	1,944	614	36,890	168	1,712	111	41,439
April	2,334	767	53,925	135	1,622	169	58,952
May	2,365	443	18,630	12	1,310	123	22,883
June	1,838	480	9,202	161	1,477	168	13,326
Total 1947-48	60,499	16,639	248,357	4,038	37,192	2,904	369,629

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

4. SUMMARY ALL BENEFITS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES, PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

At 28th June, 1947, 16,147 persons were in receipt of benefit comprising 6,208 unemployment, 9,483 sickness and 456 special benefits. During the year ended June, 1948, 103,474 claims were admitted (28,662 unemployment, 69,486 sickness and 5,326 special) while 106,894 benefits were discontinued (33,032 unemployment, 69,029 sickness and 4,833 special) leaving 12,727 benefits in force at 26th June, 1948, (1,838 unemployment, 9,940 sickness and 949 special).

The total number of benefits granted and discontinued during the year ended June, 1948, and persons on benefit at the beginning and end of that year, in each class of benefit, is shown in the following table:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT, 1947-48 : AUSTRALIA

Class of Benefit	On benefit at 28th June, 1947		Claims admitted during 1947-48		Discontinuances during 1947-48		On benefit at 26th June, 1948	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Unemployment	5,981	227	27,275	1,387	31,538	1,494	1,718	120
Sickness	7,264	2,219	53,947	15,539	53,785	15,244	7,426	2,514
Special	191	265	3,998	1,328	3,731	1,102	458	491
<u>TOTAL</u>	13,436	2,711	85,220	18,254	89,054	17,840	9,602	3,125

NOTE: For monthly figures of claims admitted and discontinuances from July, 1947 to June, 1948 see June, 1948 Bulletin,

5. CLAIMS ADMITTED TO BENEFIT.

(i) All Benefits - State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1948:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1947 - 48 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
New South Wales(a)	3,234	282	20,006	5,999	1,082	320	24,322	6,601	30,923
Victoria	971	58	12,742	4,363	1,736	607	15,449	5,028	20,477
Queensland	20,262	965	8,273	1,961	422	100	28,957	3,026	31,983
South Australia(b)	231	3	5,753	1,316	114	38	6,098	1,357	7,455
Western Australia	2,393	78	4,826	1,396	586	219	7,805	1,693	9,498
Tasmania	184	1	2,347	504	58	44	2,589	549	3,138
Total 1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	3,998	1,328	85,220	18,254	103,474
Total 1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) All Benefits - Classification of Beneficiaries by Age, Conjugal Condition and Dependants: In the following table claimants admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1948, have been classified according to type of claimant, as determined by the maximum benefit appropriate to the age and conjugal condition of the beneficiary and the number of dependants entitling the beneficiary to benefit:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1947-48 - CLASSIFICATION OF BENEFICIARIES : AUSTRALIA

Type of Claimant (at date of commencement on benefit)	Maximum rate per week	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total Persons
		Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
	Shillings							
Unmarried -								
Under 18 years -								
With no dependants	15	601	218	1,945	1,757	23	39	4,583
With dependent child	20	-	-	-	7	-	3	10
18-21 years -								
With no dependants	20	1,352	303	3,863	3,392	275	103	9,288
With dependent child	25	-	7	3	41	-	2	53
Over 21 years -								
With no dependants	25	8,069	617	13,342	7,875	2,234	1,034	33,171
With dependent child	30	240	81	410	532	4	30	1,297
With dependent house- keeper and child	50	46	-	80	-	4	-	130
Married, any age -								
With no dependants	25	866	78	2,245	1,250	277	72	4,788
With dependent spouse	45	5,870	1	12,230	9	1,013	1	19,124
With dependent spouse and child	50	10,055	-	19,119	5	164	-	29,343
With dependent child (no dependent spouse)	30	167	82	673	671	3	44	1,640
With dependent house- keeper and child (no dependent spouse)	50	9	-	37	-	1	-	47
TOTAL		27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	3,998	1,328	103,474

NOTE: Unmarried includes widowed and divorced.

50.1 per cent of the beneficiaries (41.2 per cent. of males, 91.7 per cent. of females) did not receive any additional benefit in respect of dependants while 28.4 per cent. (34.4 per cent. of males, 0.1 per cent. of females) received additional benefits in respect of dependent spouse and child, 18.5 per cent. (22.4 per cent. of males, 0.1 per cent. of females) in respect of dependent spouse only, 2.9 per cent (1.8 per cent of males, 8.2 per cent. of females) in respect of dependent child only, and 0.2 per cent (all males) in respect of dependent housekeeper and child.

53.1 per cent. of the beneficiaries were married - 61.9 per cent. of males and 12.1 per cent. of females.

(iii) Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Classification by Maximum Rates of Benefit : States. In the following table admission to unemployment and sickness benefits notified in each State during the year ended June, 1948, have been classified according to the maximum rates of benefit applicable to each class of beneficiary and expressed as percentages to total admissions. The average maximum rate is also shown for each State.

CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1947-48 - MAXIMUM RATES OF BENEFIT : STATES.

Maximum Rate per week	Unemployment						
	New South Wales (a)	Victoria	Queensland	Sth. Aust- ralia(b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
shillings	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
15	3.50	1.36	3.08	2.56	0.89	-	2.86
20	5.43	3.50	6.48	1.29	1.94	1.08	5.77
25	34.50	25.66	34.48	35.47	28.33	30.81	33.62
30	1.79	2.33	1.93	0.85	2.75	1.62	1.99
45	19.34	23.61	19.63	29.49	26.91	26.49	20.48
50	35.44	43.54	34.40	30.34	39.18	40.00	35.28
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
AVERAGE MAXIMUM RATE (IN SHILLINGS)							
	37.2	40.4	37.0	38.2	40.1	40.3	37.4

CLAIMS ADMITTED 1947-48 - MAXIMUM RATES OF BENEFIT : STATES

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Maximum Rate per week shillings	Sickness						
	New South Wales(a)	Victoria	Queensland	Sth. Australia (b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
15	5.53	5.27	4.82	4.61	6.59	4.70	5.33
20	10.76	10.77	9.87	9.48	10.98	9.05	10.45
25	34.61	36.94	37.19	32.92	38.11	32.73	35.63
30	3.47	3.32	3.11	2.77	3.10	3.82	3.29
45	17.75	17.61	17.09	21.54	14.59	15.12	17.61
50	27.88	26.09	27.92	28.68	26.63	34.58	27.69
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
AVERAGE MAXIMUM RATE (IN SHILLINGS)							
	34.6	34.1	34.6	35.7	33.5	35.9	34.6

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE: The actual rate per week was less than the maximum in many cases due to the application of a "means test" for income.

6. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

(i) All Benefits, State Totals: The following table shows the number of benefits discontinued in each State during the year ended June, 1948:-

BENEFITS DISCONTINUED, 1947-48 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
New South Wales(a)	4,286	291	19,948	5,885	846	177	25,080	6,353	31,433
Victoria	1,547	83	12,804	4,263	1,706	567	16,057	4,913	20,970
Queensland	22,262	1,023	8,121	1,898	420	79	30,803	3,000	33,803
Sth. Australia(b)	312	7	5,755	1,313	117	31	6,184	1,351	7,535
Western Australia	2,931	89	4,834	1,396	591	216	8,356	1,701	10,057
Tasmania	200	1	2,323	489	51	32	2,574	522	3,096
Total 1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	3,731	1,102	89,054	17,840	106,894
Total 1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) All Benefits - Average Duration, States: In the following table the average duration of benefits discontinued during each of the years ended June, 1947 and 1948 is shown for each class of benefit and State:-

AVERAGE DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED : STATES.

State	Average Duration (in weeks)							
	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	1946-47	1947-48	1946-47	1947-48	1946-47	1947-48	1946-47	1947-48
New South Wales (a)	6.88	10.60	8.28	7.68	8.20	7.08	7.71	8.08
Victoria	5.17	8.65	8.03	7.69	7.99	5.81	6.52	7.56
Queensland	6.55	7.64	7.40	7.17	9.17	10.08	6.72	7.54
South Australia (b)	7.60	13.24	7.21	7.43	7.94	13.80	7.31	7.80
Western Australia	4.63	10.09	6.76	6.48	9.99	5.06	5.29	7.45
Tasmania	9.77	9.31	7.94	8.07	19.63	18.87	8.43	8.44
TOTAL	6.06	8.39	7.79	7.49	8.93	6.87	6.78	7.74

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory

6. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

(i) Cause of Unemployment - Claims Admitted - States: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment in each State as stated by persons admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1948.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employers, quits on that of the employee.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1947-48 : STATES.

Cause of Unemployment	P e r s o n s						
	New South Wales(a)	Vic-toria	Queens-land	South Aust. (b)	Western Aust-ralia	Tas-mania	Aust-ralia
Discharged or Laid-off -							
Disciplinary reasons ..	39	14	129	5	39	3	229
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness ..	248	93	436	33	179	17	1,006
Power rationing ..	30	5	269	-	-	-	304
Shortage of materials ..	167	44	2,510	4	173	10	2,908
Strikes and lock-outs ..	266	22	3,253	-	7	1	3,549
Seasonal work ..	248	52	4,870	12	81	12	5,275
Casual work ..	608	222	3,129	59	476	23	4,517
Other, including inadequately defined ..	845	214	3,288	47	519	37	4,950
Quitted -							
Medical unfitness, work too heavy ..	622	230	1,625	59	621	59	3,216
Other quits, including inadequately defined ..	309	92	1,174	11	186	15	1,787
Not previously employed -							
Employers, workers on own account ..	85	25	347	1	115	5	578
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	25	8	155	2	62	1	253
Other ..	24	8	42	1	13	2	90
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,516	1,029	21,227	234	2,471	185	28,662

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory

Eighteen per cent. of total admissions during the year ended June, 1948, were caused by seasonal work, 16 per cent. to casual work, 15 per cent. to medical unfitness, work too heavy (including inefficiency) and 10 per cent. to shortage of materials.

In New South Wales 24 per cent. were due to medical unfitness (including inefficiency) and 17 per cent. to casual work.

Thirty one per cent of admissions in Victoria were due to medical unfitness (including inefficiency) and 22 per cent. to casual work.

Completion of seasonal and casual work accounted for 38 per cent. of admissions in Queensland, the result of the Railway strike for 15 per cent, and 12 per cent. to shortage of materials.

Thirty nine per cent. of the very low number of admissions in South Australia were due to medical unfitness (including inefficiency).

In Western Australia 32 per cent. of admissions were due to medical unfitness (including inefficiency) and 23 per cent. to casual and seasonal work.

Over 41 per cent of admissions in Tasmania were due to medical unfitness (including inefficiency).

(ii) Ages of Beneficiaries - Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit, Australia: The distribution of unemployment beneficiaries by age groups is shown in the following table for claims admitted during the year and for persons on benefit at the end of the year.

GROUPED AGES - UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS ADMITTED AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT : AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st December, 1947)	Claims admitted during 1947-48			On benefit at 26th June, 1948		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
16-19 years	1,483	457	1,940	62	29	91
20-24 "	3,506	385	3,891	165	32	197
25-29 "	3,400	146	3,546	157	17	174
30-34 "	2,884	79	2,963	129	9	138
35-39 "	2,646	75	2,721	128	10	138
40-44 "	2,567	76	2,643	161	10	171
45-49 "	2,934	78	3,012	172	5	177
50-54 "	2,490	47	2,537	180	3	183
55-59 "	2,928	44	2,972	247	5	252
60-64 "	2,437	-	2,437	317	-	317
<u>TOTAL</u>	27,275	1,387	28,662	1,718	120	1,838

(iii) Industrial Groups - Claims Admitted, States: The following statement shows the distribution, according to main industrial groups in each State, of persons admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1948:-

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1947-48 : STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	Persons						
	New South Wales(a)	Vic-toria	Queens-land	Sth. Aust. (b)	Western Aust-ralia	Tas-mania	Aust-ralia
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	558	113	3,310	27	145	14	4,167
Other Primary Production ..	55	33	210	1	29	4	332
Coal Mining ..	268	1	642	-	8	1	920
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	47	23	286	2	141	3	502
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding	296	75	719	31	141	9	1,271
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	57	30	383	9	59	2	540
Textiles and articles of dress	112	39	165	6	23	7	352
Food, drink and tobacco ..	176	75	4,407	9	143	16	4,826
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	89	22	695	3	64	9	882
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	221	86	495	22	165	12	1,001
Building and Construction ..	461	152	2,949	24	331	40	3,957
Transport and Communication ..	195	89	3,373	35	176	18	3,886
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and retail trade ..	313	93	1,399	20	376	13	2,214
Finance and property ..	20	17	68	6	28	2	141
Public Administration and Professional	258	70	1,000	16	286	16	1,646
Personal and Domestic Service ..	328	77	894	19	272	15	1,605
Other ..	62	34	232	4	84	4	420
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,516	1,029	21,227	234	2,471	185	28,662

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

The foregoing admissions to benefit according to industrial groups are expressed as percentages to total admissions in the following table:-

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1947-48 : STATES.

(Percentages)

Industry in which last engaged	Percentages						
	New South Wales(a)	Victoria	Queensland	South Aust. (b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Primary Production	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Factories and Industrial - Engineering etc. Vehicles etc. ..	26.4	16.5	20.9	12.8	13.1	11.9	20.7
Food, Drink and Tobacco	10.0	10.2	5.2	17.1	8.1	5.9	6.3
Other Factories ..	5.0	7.3	20.8	3.8	5.8	8.7	16.8
Building and Construction	12.0	14.3	6.4	13.3	10.2	15.1	7.8
Transport and Communication	13.1	14.8	13.9	10.3	13.4	21.6	13.8
Commerce and Finance ..	5.6	8.6	15.9	14.9	7.1	9.7	13.6
Other ..	9.5	10.7	6.9	11.1	16.3	8.1	8.2
	18.4	17.6	10.0	16.7	26.0	19.0	12.8
<u>TOTAL</u>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Claims Admitted - State Monthly Totals: The number of admissions to unemployment benefit in each State during each month of the year ended June, 1948 is shown in the following table:-

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS ADMITTED - MONTHLY (a)

1947-48 : STATES.

Month	New South Wales (b)		Victoria		Queensland		Sth Aust. ralia(c)		Western Australia		Tasmania		Australia	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
July	615	47	224	14	1,272	61	43	1	410	13	25	-	2,589	136
August	536	38	175	14	985	49	43	1	351	9	44	-	2,134	111
September	322	18	104	9	784	35	28	-	179	5	23	-	1,440	67
October	374	19	68	4	913	28	16	-	183	7	16	-	1,570	48
November	195	17	74	4	1,141	32	13	-	177	11	15	-	1,615	64
December	213	9	50	4	1,324	32	17	1	181	7	9	-	1,794	53
January	292	33	56	5	2,875	56	27	-	335	4	15	1	3,600	99
February	178	33	49	-	5,579	256	9	-	131	5	7	-	5,953	294
March	122	23	43	-	3,152	271	9	-	112	3	8	-	3,446	297
April	97	21	29	2	1,156	85	8	-	90	4	6	-	1,386	112
May	132	23	48	1	679	41	9	-	127	4	10	-	1,005	69
June	158	11	51	1	402	19	9	-	117	6	6	-	743	37
<u>YEAR</u>	3,234	282	971	58	20,262	965	231	3	2,393	78	184	1	27,275	1,387

(a) Four-or five-weekly period ending last Saturday of month

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(v) Average Number on Benefit at end of each week, States: The following table shows the average number of persons on unemployment benefit at the end of each week in each State during each month of the year ended June, 1948 and during each of the years 1945-46 to 1947-48:-

AVERAGE NUMBER ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AT END OF EACH WEEK : STATES.

Period	New South Wales (a)		Victoria		Queensland		Sth.Aust. ralia (b)		Western Australia		Tas- mania		Australia	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<u>Year</u>														
1945-46	2,147	377	295	8	1,389	56	697	81	412	10	41	1	4,981	533
1946-47	1,680	74	1,527	51	4,497	168	197	3	1,062	33	78	1	9,041	330
1947-48	617	47	143	7	2,526	106	49	2	397	12	33	-	3,765	174
<u>Month</u>														
1947-48 -														
July	1,337	58	354	16	2,819	118	98	4	773	16	48	-	5,429	212
August	1,203	60	302	16	2,260	100	94	4	674	14	51	-	4,584	194
September	982	55	220	13	1,934	87	79	3	535	14	49	-	3,799	172
October	738	45	169	9	1,543	62	68	3	457	17	39	-	3,014	136
November	552	38	135	8	1,413	57	50	2	400	18	32	-	2,582	123
December	544	30	114	7	1,795	63	42	2	374	16	29	-	2,898	118
January	523	38	107	7	2,724	70	38	3	404	13	24	-	3,820	131
February	439	50	86	5	4,304	137	37	3	319	7	22	1	5,207	203
March	284	53	62	1	5,524	265	22	1	237	3	22	1	6,151	324
April	274	47	54	2	3,469	170	19	1	196	5	21	1	4,033	226
May	256	49	50	3	1,780	94	17	1	181	7	23	1	2,307	155
June	258	42	58	2	1,225	77	18	1	202	5	26	-	1,787	127

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(vi) Males on Benefit at 26th June, 1948 - Districts and Industries, States: The following table shows the distribution of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 26th June, 1948, according to the main industrial groups in each of the principal districts (those with over 50 males on benefit) of each State:-

UNEMPLOYMENT : MALES ON BENEFIT AT 26TH JUNE, 1948 :
DISTRICTS AND INDUSTRIES.

State and District	Industry in which last engaged											TOTAL
	Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	Other Primary (including Mining)	Engineering, etc. (including Vehicles)	Food, Drink, etc. Factories	Other Factories	Building and Construction	Transport	Commerce and Finance	Public Administration and Professional	Personal and Domestic Service	Other Industries	
New South Wales												
Metropolitan	3	1	11	-	13	13	4	8	9	6	-	68
Lismore	60	-	1	1	5	1	-	2	-	-	-	70
All Other	32	10	33	9	15	15	9	12	11	10	4	160
<u>Total N.S.W.</u>	95	11	45	10	33	29	13	22	20	16	4	298
Victoria												
Metropolitan	-	-	3	-	4	-	2	3	2	-	-	14
All Other	9	2	3	6	2	11	7	6	1	4	-	51
<u>Total Victoria</u>	9	2	6	6	6	11	9	9	3	4	-	65
Queensland												
Metropolitan	12	5	18	27	24	24	47	46	46	29	9	287
Bundaberg	94	2	2	32	3	17	-	8	5	3	1	167
Mackay	80	7	5	46	7	28	11	12	3	10	-	209
Maryborough	15	2	2	7	4	18	4	2	1	-	2	57
Rockhampton	14	16	3	44	3	27	4	5	5	3	-	124
Townsville	8	2	3	9	4	17	6	4	6	3	-	62
All Other	42	39	7	22	7	32	17	12	8	10	-	196
<u>Total Queensland</u>	265	73	40	187	52	163	89	89	74	58	12	1,102
South Australia												
Metropolitan	-	-	4	-	1	3	-	4	1	1	-	14
All Other	2	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	5
<u>Total Sth. Australia</u>	2	-	5	-	1	3	2	4	1	1	-	19
Western Australia												
Metropolitan	10	7	16	8	25	12	15	30	32	29	6	190
All Other	2	4	-	-	1	3	3	1	1	1	-	16
<u>Total W. Australia</u>	12	11	16	8	26	15	18	31	33	30	6	206
Tasmania												
Metropolitan	2	-	-	1	3	1	2	-	6	2	1	18
All Other	-	1	-	-	2	1	2	1	2	1	-	10
<u>Total Tasmania</u>	2	1	-	1	5	2	4	1	8	3	1	28
<u>TOTAL AUSTRALIA</u>	385	98	112	212	123	223	135	156	139	112	23	1,718

8. SICKNESS BENEFIT.

(i) Nature of Sickness - Claims Admitted, States: The number of admissions to Sickness benefit notified in each State under the main natures of sickness during the year ended June, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

NATURE OF SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1947-48 : STATES

Nature of Sickness	New Sth. Wales (a)	Vict- oria	Queens- land	S.Aust. alia(b)	West Aust.	Tas- mania	Aust- ralia
<u>M A L E S</u>							
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1,551	756	485	255	283	157	3,487
Cancer ..	133	74	90	25	36	11	369
Other Tumours ..	173	117	106	42	30	6	474
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	1,102	689	513	371	241	180	3,096
Diseases of -							
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	84	52	34	15	20	11	216
Nervous System and Sense Organs	1,690	1,120	706	577	369	192	4,654
Circulatory System ..	1,672	1,155	633	469	319	153	4,401
Respiratory System ..	2,396	1,470	759	681	509	309	6,124
Digestive System ..	4,559	3,022	1,719	1,284	1,018	462	12,064
Genito-Urinary System ..	788	490	460	195	217	81	2,231
Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	1,148	646	530	322	380	129	3,155
Bones and Organs of Movement	437	320	198	172	115	61	1,303
Other Diseases (including ill- defined conditions) ..	227	217	185	80	108	52	869
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -							
Fractures ..	2,026	1,320	938	569	490	219	5,562
Other Injuries, etc. ..	1,836	1,189	853	642	641	287	5,448
Operations (original disability not stated) ..	135	78	35	35	25	33	341
Other (including not stated) ..	49	27	29	19	25	4	153
<u>TOTAL</u>	20,006	12,742	8,273	5,753	4,826	2,347	53,947
<u>F E M A L E S</u>							
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	447	284	106	88	78	27	1,030
Cancer ..	24	30	8	10	6	2	80
Other Tumours ..	157	101	59	23	24	9	373
Rheumatism, Disease of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	398	284	129	98	53	52	1,014
Diseases of -							
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	117	67	23	21	14	7	249
Nervous System and Sense Organs	706	572	279	147	149	73	1,926
Circulatory System ..	268	203	91	58	45	18	683
Respiratory System ..	549	369	151	127	110	45	1,351
Digestive System ..	1,408	869	375	340	395	100	3,487
Genito-Urinary System ..	574	323	185	105	119	31	1,337
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	248	425	160	52	114	37	1,036
Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	283	191	94	47	71	28	714
Bones and Organs of Movement	105	87	53	36	30	19	330
Other Diseases (including ill- defined conditions) ..	123	129	52	51	42	21	418
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -							
Fractures ..	230	169	77	47	59	9	591
Other Injuries, etc. ..	224	177	93	49	57	12	612
Operations (original disability not stated) ..	118	74	23	15	21	13	264
Other (including not stated) ..	20	9	3	2	9	1	44
<u>TOTAL</u>	5,999	4,363	1,961	1,316	1,396	504	15,539

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

An analysis of the 69,486 admissions to sickness benefit during the year ended June, 1948, reveals the most prevalent diseases, etc. included in each of the main types as follows:-

Infective and parasitic diseases - influenza (1,116 males, 255 females), tuberculosis of respiratory system (433, 221), other tuberculosis (85, 24) mumps (386, 120);

Rheumatism, etc. - acute rheumatic fever (492, 190), chronic rheumatism and other rheumatic diseases (1,808, 262), ill-defined rheumatism (287, 87), diabetes (265, 58);

Diseases of the nervous system, etc. - mental disorders and deficiency (1,949, 1,350), neuritis (870, 144), diseases of the organs of vision (725, 123);

Diseases of the circulatory system - diseases of the myocardium (655, 73), diseases of the coronary arteries and angina pectoris (794, 50), other and unspecified heart diseases (993, 97), varices (896, 125), idiopathic high blood pressure (520, 171);

Diseases of the respiratory system - pneumonia and pleurisy (3,415, 765), bronchitis (1,716, 342), asthma (504, 138), sinusitis (352, 129);

Diseases of the digestive system - appendicitis (4,016, 1,984), hernia (1,786, 79), ulcer of the stomach (1,450, 95), ulcer of the duodenum (954, 62), diseases of the pharynx and tonsils (1,235, 532), diseases of the gall-bladder and bile ducts (515, 240);

Diseases of the genito-urinary system - diseases of the kidneys and ureters (1,299, 418) diseases of the genital organs, not specified as venereal (585, 812), nephritis (322, 95);

Diseases of the skin, etc. - carbuncles (529, 68), cellulitis and acute abscess (401, 80);

Fractures - of the lower limbs (1,940, 239), of the upper limbs (1,941, 219) of the trunk bones and vertebral column (1,051, 81), of the skull (489, 36);

Other injuries - open wounds, perforations and lacerations (1,494, 94), sprains and strains (803, 118), head injuries (663, 85).

Twenty two per cent. of total sickness benefits admitted during the year ended June, 1948 were females, but the analysis above of most prevalent diseases shows a wide variation in the proportion of females as between different diseases.

The highest percentages of females to total persons were recorded in the following diseases - diseases of the genital organs (58), mental disorders etc. (41), appendicitis (33), tuberculosis (32), diseases of the gall-bladder, etc. (32), and diseases of the pharynx and tonsils (30), whilst the lowest were in the following - carbuncles and boils (11), injuries (10), heart diseases (8), ulcers of stomach and duodenum (6) and hernia (4).

(ii) Ages of Beneficiaries - Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit, Australia: In the following table sickness beneficiaries are distributed according to age groups for claims admitted during 1947-48 and for persons on benefit at the end of the year:-

GROUPED AGE - SICKNESS CLAIMS ADMITTED AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT : AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st December, 1947)	Claims admitted during year ended June, 1948			On benefit at 26th June, 1948		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
16-19 years	4,617	4,149	8,766	589	578	1,167
20-24 "	7,194	3,836	11,030	756	533	1,289
25-29 "	6,050	1,834	7,884	577	245	822
30-34 "	5,629	1,215	6,844	575	222	797
35-39 "	5,328	1,006	6,334	630	195	825
40-44 "	5,244	961	6,205	682	182	864
45-49 "	5,325	1,135	6,460	878	248	1,126
50-54 "	4,731	816	5,547	807	190	997
55-59 "	5,468	568	6,036	1,093	121	1,214
60-64 "	4,361	19	4,380	839	-	839
<u>TOTAL</u>	53,947	15,539	69,486	7,426	2,514	9,940

(iii) Incidence of Sickness according to Age - Males Admitted to Benefit, Australia:
The following table analyses the incidence of males admitted to sickness benefit during the year ended June, 1948, in the main types of sickness according to specified age groups:-

INCIDENCE OF MAIN TYPES OF SICKNESS IN SPECIFIED AGE GROUPS - MALES ADMITTED
TO SICKNESS BENEFIT, 1947-48 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	16-29 years	30-44 years	45-64 years	Total
	%	%	%	%
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	34.5	33.6	31.9	100
Cancer ..	5.4	20.6	74.0	100
Other Tumours ..	23.0	25.1	51.9	100
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition etc. ..	22.7	31.5	45.8	100
Diseases of -				
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	19.9	28.2	51.9	100
Nervous System and Sense Organs	24.6	33.8	41.6	100
Circulatory System ..	9.3	21.4	69.3	100
Respiratory System ..	22.4	30.6	47.0	100
Digestive System ..	38.9	31.6	29.5	100
Genito-Urinary System ..	23.6	29.9	46.5	100
Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	31.1	33.3	35.6	100
Bones and Organs of Movement	36.4	32.3	31.3	100
Fractures ..	54.4	25.5	20.1	100
Other Injuries ..	49.9	29.7	20.4	100
<u>TOTAL</u>	33.1	30.0	36.9	100
Proportion of male population between 16-64 years in each age group	37.3	32.9	29.8	100

The effect of age on certain types of disease is indicated in the preceding table. Cancer and diseases of the circulatory system (heart diseases, etc.) are shown to be essentially diseases of advancing years. Seventy four per cent. of the males in the former and 69 per cent. in the latter category were 45 years of age and over. Tumours (other than cancer), diseases of the blood and blood forming organs, genito-urinary and respiratory systems and rheumatism (other than acute rheumatic fever) also reveal the same tendency but to a lesser degree. Diseases of the digestive system are distributed in practically the same proportions as the male population in each of the three age groups. Injuries are more prevalent in the lower age groups due in part to the greater activity of youth. Most of the injuries included are non-occupational as occupational injuries are generally covered by compensation and therefore do not usually come within the scope of the Act.

Owing to the rapid decline in numbers of females in employment in the higher age groups, the influence of age on the different types of sickness is not evident from a similar consideration of females granted sickness benefit. This decline explains in part the relatively small number of heart diseases amongst female beneficiaries.

(iv) Industrial Groups - Claims Admitted, States: The following statements show the distribution according to main industrial groups of males and females admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1948:-

SICKNESS - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1947-48: STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	New South Wales (a)	Vic-toria	Queens-land	Sth. Aust. (b)	West Aust. ralia	Tas-manian	Aust-ralia
<u>M A L E S</u>							
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	1,006	748	972	342	391	252	3,711
Other Primary Production ..	281	275	170	107	149	112	1,094
Coal Mining ..	1,031	87	205	3	149	15	1,490
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	136	88	150	50	482	174	1,080
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, engineering, metalworking including shipbuilding ..	4,798	1,815	603	1,051	303	201	8,771
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	686	799	332	632	247	80	2,776
Textiles and articles of dress ..	733	872	135	131	69	130	2,070
Food, drink and tobacco ..	1,106	921	948	398	205	129	3,707
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	765	523	500	197	310	141	2,436
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	2,206	1,612	459	477	337	181	5,272
Building and Construction ..	2,482	1,721	1,583	776	733	363	7,658
Transport and Communication ..	1,503	1,139	770	640	496	263	4,811
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and retail trade ..	1,721	1,123	732	555	510	161	4,802
Finance and property ..	94	68	28	23	34	4	251
Public Administration and Professional	593	326	305	124	137	36	1,521
Personal and Domestic Service ..	832	585	355	237	267	99	2,375
Other ..	33	40	26	10	7	6	122
<u>TOTAL</u>	20,006	12,742	8,273	5,753	4,826	2,347	53,947
<u>F E M A L E S</u>							
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	24	25	20	8	8	8	93
Other Primary Production ..	1	3	-	-	-	-	4
Coal Mining ..	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	1	1	1	-	3	-	6
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, engineering, metalworking including shipbuilding ..	358	177	40	70	9	1	655
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	37	43	3	21	3	-	107
Textiles and articles of dress ..	1,351	1,297	282	144	173	99	3,346
Food, drink and tobacco ..	445	253	93	60	48	24	923
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	48	24	18	7	5	1	103
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	480	306	90	52	37	22	987
Building and Construction ..	7	3	5	2	1	4	22
Transport and Communication ..	131	110	52	56	37	13	399
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and retail trade ..	1,044	588	343	321	333	82	2,711
Finance and property ..	69	54	22	20	13	2	180
Public Administration and Professional	726	657	360	247	261	80	2,331
Personal and Domestic Service ..	1,271	818	623	307	460	168	3,647
Other ..	4	4	9	1	5	-	23
<u>TOTAL</u>	5,999	4,363	1,961	1,316	1,396	504	15,539

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory

(b) Includes Northern Territory

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